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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: March 24, 2004
Meeting Time: 9 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St.,
401B
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 5

Members Present: Kevin Brinegar, Chairman; Jimmy Neal; James Gutting; Theresa Wright.

Members Absent: Cordelia Lewis-Burks.

Mr. Kevin Brinegar, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. He discussed the day's agenda, including hearing from the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) concerning questions about asset reductions and closing loopholes and providing an opportunity for public testimony.

Asset Reduction and Closing Loopholes

Mr. Brinegar called on Ms. Donna Sembroski, Deputy General Council, and Mr. Michael Staresnick, OMPP Recovery, to answer subcommittee questions about the Medicaid eligibility and recovery process. Ms. Sembroski discussed a memorandum prepared by Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) for the subcommittee (Exhibit A) concerning Medicaid eligibility requirements, OMPP's efforts to close eligibility loopholes, and Medicaid estate recovery and liens.

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Public Testimony

Mr. Stephen L. Albrecht, Director, Legislative and Economic Affairs, Indiana Health Care Association, provided handouts concerning long-term care and shortages in Medicaid funding for nursing home care. (Exhibits B and C)

Mr. Ronald W. Wuensch, Executive Director, Indiana Optometric Association, Inc., discussed how eye exams can detect other types of physical disease. He indicated that reimbursement rates had last been reviewed in 1994, that frame costs were currently limited to \$20, and that there may be some need to expand the codes for reimbursement.

Ms. Julie Newland, Manager of Public Affairs, Eli Lilly and Company, provided a handout concerning the growing Medicaid population and budget pressures, steps that have been taken to contain costs, and outlining Medicaid pharmacy cost savings initiatives. (Exhibit D)

The Subcommittee also received written testimony from Melissa Durr, Executive Director, Indiana Association on Area Agencies on Aging. (Exhibit E)

Adjournment

Mr. Brinegar thanked the participants for providing public testimony. He indicated that in future meetings he would like to “drill” down into the non-Medicaid programs of FSSA. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.